



## **ABC Update October 2008**

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### **ABC EARNS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE YEAR**

The Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has been honored with the Law Enforcement Agency of the Year Award by a national program dedicated to curbing underage drinking.

The Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center presented the award recently at its national conference in Nashville. The training center is affiliated with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in the U.S. Department of Justice.

ABC was recognized for the success of several programs to combat youth access to alcohol. One such program, Operation Zero Tolerance (OZT), has produced an all-time high compliance rate, 91 percent. OZT sends investigators to licensed retail stores to accompany aides a year or two younger than the minimum legal drinking age of 21. The aide attempts to buy alcohol and if he or she does not make the purchase, the seller is in compliance. The aide is not allowed to misrepresent his or her age during the attempt to purchase.

In addition to the high OZT compliance rates, the efforts of the education branch were recognized as an effective tool in combating underage sales. Server Training in Alcohol Regulations (S.T.A.R.) trains an average of four thousand servers/sellers of alcohol across Kentucky annually. S.T.A.R. teaches specific Kentucky law, as well as offers tips on how to spot a fraudulent or borrowed identification.

Commissioner Brig. Gen. Norman Arflack and Enforcement Director Mike Razor accepted the award. Investigator Manager Josh Crain was also there representing Enforcement Division. Malt Beverage Administrator Danny Reed attended the award presentation.

"This award, in recognition of superior performance by The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, epitomizes the professionalism of all members of the agency. Specifically, the Enforcement Division and Education Branch continually strive to combat underage drinking in the Commonwealth. I congratulate all who have worked so diligently to earn this distinguished award," remarked Commissioner Arflack.

### **Server Training Program Presented at National Conference**

ABC Education Branch's Sandra Watts and Tiffany Quarles presented, "How to Create a State Specific Beverage Server Training Program" as a breakout session in the 2008 National Leadership Conference in Nashville. Attendees were shown how Kentucky has developed and maintained a successful responsible beverage server program that is based on Kentucky law and regulations.

**Election Update:** Lancaster, KY voted to approve alcohol sales on August 12.

## S.T.A.R. TRAINING DATES

Server Training in Alcohol Regulations - In addition to responsible sales and service training, we cover Kentucky-specific statutes and regulations, individual liabilities and fake IDs. Class time is four and one-half hours.

**Classes start promptly at noted time.**

Class Date	Class Location	City	Class Time
10/7/2008	RAMADA INN @ PARIS PIKE	LEXINGTON	9:00 AM
10/7/2008	REGIONAL PREVENTION CTR	MAYSVILLE	9:00 AM
10/13/2008	CIGAR FACTORY COMPLEX RM 173	OWENSBORO	5:00 PM
10/14/2008	MIDDLETOWN GOVERNMENT CTR	LOUISVILLE	9:00 AM
10/20/2008	ABC OFFICE	FRANKFORT	5:00 PM
10/22/2008	MAYOR'S JOB TRAINING CENTER	LEXINGTON	5:00 PM
10/25/2008	TBA	LOUISVILLE	9:00 AM
10/27/2008	KY DAM VILLAGE SRP	PADUCAH	9:00 AM
11/3/2008	HOUCHENS CENTER	BOWLING GREEN	9:00 AM
11/4/2008	RAMADA INN @ PARIS PIKE	LEXINGTON	9:00 AM
11/10/2008	CIGAR FACTORY COMPLEX RM 199	OWENSBORO	9:00 AM
11/11/2008	MIDDLETOWN GOVERNMENT CTR	LOUISVILLE	9:00 AM
11/15/2008	RAMADA INN @ PARIS PIKE	LEXINGTON	9:00 AM
11/17/2008	ABC OFFICE	FRANKFORT	9:00 AM
11/25/2008	FLORENCE GOVERNMENT CTR	FLORENCE	9:00 AM
11/24/2008	KY RIVER ADD	HAZARD	9:00 AM
11/25/2008	URBAN BARRETT GOVT CTR	LOUISVILLE	6:00 PM
12/2/2008	RAMADA INN @ PARIS PIKE	LEXINGTON	9:00 AM
12/8/2008	CIVIC CENTER	MT. STERLING	9:00 AM
12/9/2008	MIDDLETOWN GOVERNMENT CTR	LOUISVILLE	9:00 AM
12/13/2008	TBA	LOUISVILLE	9:00 AM
12/14/2008	TBA	MURRAY	1:00 PM
12/15/2008	ABC OFFICE	FRANKFORT	5:00 PM
12/15/2008	PUBLIC LIBRARY	HOPKINSVILLE	9:00 AM
12/15/2008	CIGAR FACTORY COMPLEX RM 199	OWENSBORO	5:00 PM
12/16/2008	JENNY WILEY SRP LODGE RM 3	PRESTONSBURG	9:00 AM
12/17/2008	MAYOR'S JOB TRAINING CENTER	LEXINGTON	5:00 PM

